

Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Area

Ohio

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Years since Designation

1996 2002

Management Entity Ohio and Erie Canal Association, in partnership with Ohio Canal Commission and Ohio and Erie Canal Corridor Coalition



Square Mileage of Counties in Heritage Area 2,015

2000 Census Data

Data	2000 Census	Percent Change from 1990
Total Population	2,405,889	+1.1
Persons under 18 Years, Percent	25.1	+.3
Persons 25-44 Years, Percent	28.7	-7.7
Persons Over 65 Years, Percent	15.0	+1.7
White Alone, Percent	84.0	
Hispanic Origin, Percent	1.5	+55
Black or African American, Percent	12.1	+9.7
Median Household Income (2000 \$)	38,677	n/a
Percent Unemployed	4.7	n/a
Percent Below Poverty Level	10.5	n/a

Resources Profile

Number of National Register Properties	477
Number of National Historic Landmarks	7
National Natural Landmarks	0
National Park Units	1

Congressional Districts 7

Local Government Units 288



Profile

This area of northeast Ohio celebrates the canal that enabled shipping between Lake Erie and the Ohio River and vaulted Ohio into commercial prominence in the early 1830s. The canal and towpath trail pass through agricultural lands and rural villages industrial into communities such as Akron, Canton, and Cleveland that trace their prosperity to the coming of the canal.

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